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ITEM NO: WH-5

DATE: 30 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIAL RECOMMENDS PRESIDENT FORD MEET
WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF OF LENINGRAD HAS MADE A STRONG
PITCH TO THE DEPARTING US CONSUL FOR AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN
PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV. THE SOVIET
OFFICIAL, G. V. ROMANOV, IS A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO
AND A YOUNG COMER WHO APPEARS TO HAVE DEVELOPED GOOD POLITICAL
TIES WITH BREZHNEV.

ROMANOV TOLD THE CONSUL THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN
FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON AND BREZHNEV HAD BEEN ESSENTIAL TO
ENDING THE "COLD WAR ATMOSPHERE." HE SAID THAT IT WAS
ESSENTIAL THAT PRESIDENT FORD ESTABLISH A SIMILAR PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH BREZHNEV, IMPLYING THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY

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IMPORTANT TO FUTURE PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS. ROMANOV EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD CONCENTRATE ON DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. THIS HAS BEEN A RECURRING THEME IN SOVIET MEDIA COMMENTARIES ON THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION.

ROMANOV SAID THE SOVIETS STILL ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO A TRADE BILL AND ARE GROWING IMPATIENT WITH DELAYS. HE ARGUED THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC PLANNING MAY FORCE MOSCOW TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIA WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION.

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